



Korean Ladder Study Note

방이 · 방을 · 방이

How Batchim Changes When Particles Attach

Level	Topic	Focus
A1 · Beginner TOPIK 1	Pronunciation Batchim	방이 · 방을 · 방이 How Batchim Changes When Particles Attach

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Core Idea

I hear 물이, but it sounds like 무리. Did the spelling change?

'물이'는 정말 무리와 발음이 같아요. But the spelling and meaning can be different.

오늘은 받침 뒤에 모음으로 시작하는 조사가 올 때 소리가 어떻게 이어지는지 볼 거예요. Today we connect batchim smoothly into vowel-initial particles.

For the subject pair, use 이 after batchim and 가 after no batchim. For the object pair, use 을 after batchim and 를 after no batchim.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	방에 뭐가 있어요? —	What is in the room?
Junho	물이 있어요. —	There is water.



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	물을 마셔요. —	I drink water.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
받침 + 모음으로 시작하는 조사 batchim + moeum-euro sijakhaneun josa	Batchim + a vowel-initial particle	오늘은 받침 뒤에 모음으로 시작하는 조사가 올 때 소리가 어떻게 이어지는지 볼 거예요. Today we connect batchim smoothly into vowel-initial particles.
받침 있음: 이, 을 · 받침 없음: 가, 를 batchim isseum: i, eul · batchim eopseum: ga, reul	For subject and object pairs, batchim selects 이 and 을; no batchim selects 가 and 를.	For the subject pair, use 이 after batchim and 가 after no batchim. For the object pair, use 을 after batchim and 를 after no batchim.
방이 있어요 bang-i isseoyo	There is a room.	먼저 방이 있어요를 들어 보세요. This full sentence means, 'There is a room.'
방이 bang-i	How Batchim Changes When Particles Attach	방 is room, and 이 marks it as the subject. By itself, 방이 means room plus the subject particle. 있어요 completes the sentence.
물이 있어요 mul-i isseoyo	There is water.	Now listen to 물이 있어요. It means, 'There is water.'
물이 mul-i	How Batchim Changes When Particles Attach	물 is water. 이 is the subject particle. The final 리을 links into the following vowel sound, so 물이 sounds like 무리.
방을 봐요 bang-eul bwayo	(Someone) looks at the room.	Let us switch to an object. 방을 봐요 means, '(Someone) looks at the room.'
방을 bang-eul	room + object particle	방 has batchim, so the object particle is 을. Here, 방을 is room plus the object particle, not a complete sentence by itself.



Grammar / Structure Notes

받침 + 모음으로 시작하는 조사

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받침 소리가 다음 음절로 자연스럽게 이어져요.

받침 있음: 이, 을 · 받침 없음: 가, 를

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먼저 문장에서 필요한 조사를 골라요.

방이 있어요

방 + 이 + 있어요 — There is a room.

먼저 방이 있어요를 들어 보세요. This full sentence means, 'There is a room.'

물이 있어요

물 + 이 + 있어요 — There is water.

Now listen to 물이 있어요. It means, 'There is water.'

방을 봐요

방 + 을 + 봐요 — (Someone) looks at the room.

Let us switch to an object. 방을 봐요 means, '(Someone) looks at the room.'

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
방이	bang-i
무리처럼	mul-i
무릎처럼	mul-eul
소니처럼	son-i
바메처럼	bam-e
기리처럼 · 기를처럼 · 기레처럼	gil-i · gil-eul · gil-e
무레처럼	mul-e
방에 · 물이 · 물을	bang-e · mul-i · mul-eul

Self-Check



- 1 Say 방이 · 방을 · 방이 three times: slow, natural, then inside a short sentence.
- 2 Write one original sentence that was not in the video.
- 3 Rewatch the YouTube lesson and pause when the same pattern appears.

Related / Subsequent Studies

Lesson	Why study it next	Link
가 Hearing Whether a Syllable Ends in a Batchim	A1 Pronunciation: compare 가 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-BAT-003
갓·갈·갸·간 Hearing Near-Identical Batchim in Minimal Sets	A1 Pronunciation: compare 갓·갈·갸·간 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-BAT-010
달·단·담 Minimal Pairs for ㄹ, ㄴ, and ㅁ Finals	A1 Pronunciation: compare 달·단·담 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-BAT-008
받침 Final Consonants Made Simple	A1 Pronunciation: compare 받침 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A1-PRON-BAT-001

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